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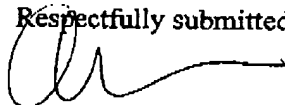
Applicants appreciate the examination of the present application in the Final Office Action of November 22, 2005 and the Advisory Action of February 27, 2006. In particular, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 5-10, 21, 23-26, 36 and 38-44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. To expedite prosecution of this matter and without prejudice to Applicants' right to file a continuation application, the claims have been amended above to place this case in a form indicated as allowable. In particular, Claims 5 and 9 have been written in independent form, including the recitations of Claims 1-3, and Claims 1-3 have been cancelled from the present application. Claim 18 has been amended to include the recitations of Claim 21, indicated as allowable, and Claim 21 has been cancelled from the present application. Claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form, including the recitations of Claim 18. Claim 36 has been written in independent form, including the recitations of Claims 34 and 35, and Claims 34 and 35 have been cancelled from the present application. Claims 4, 11, 14, 16-17, 23, 25, 37, 45, 47 and 48 have been amended to conform the dependencies thereof to the cancellation of claims as discussed herein. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the pending claims have been placed in a form indicated as allowable for at least the reasons discussed herein.

Furthermore, independent system and computer program product Claims 49 and 51 have been cancelled from the present application. Independent system and computer program product Claims 50 and 52 have been amended to include recitations similar to those of dependent Claim 21, which has been indicated as including allowable subject matter. Thus, Applicants submit that Claims 50 and 52 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed herein.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections should be withdrawn as obviated in light of these amendments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance in due course. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

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